

**REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL FORESTRY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 23, 2008 – 4:00 P.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Chairman Kenneth A. Fish called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Kenneth A. Fish, Legislator Myrna Warrington, Tony Waupochick, Al Pyatskowit, Walter Cox, Dave Grignon, Jeremy Pyatskowit, Barbara Caldwell and Susan Waukau. MEMBERS ABSENT: None. Also present: Chris Caldwell, Rebecca Alegria, Jeremy Weso and Linda Peters, recorder.

2. Moment of Silence. A moment of silence was observed.

3. Approval of Minutes dated July 29, 2008, August 6, 2008 and September 15, 2008.

Motion made by Anthony Waupochick to approve the minutes dated July 29, 2008, August 6, 2008 and September 15, 2008. Second was by Jeremy Pyatskowit. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 absent.

4. Review of Bylaws - Discuss/Recommendations

The committee reviewed the bylaws and discussed the advantage of staggering the terms of office for community members, discussed the date and time that the meetings will be held and the addition of a signature page when they are approved.

Motion made by Myrna Warrington to approve the Tribal Forestry Committee bylaws with suggested changes. Second was by Susan Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 absent.

5. FMP Revisions Update

Chris Caldwell gave a brief update on the progress of the Forest Management Plan. He explained that the deadlines for the Tribe have been extended to September, 2009. The actual deadline is September, 2010. This will give the Tribe enough time to get the first draft ready for membership input at the general councils that are held in December, 2008 (MTE) and January, 2009 (MITW).

Mr. Fish informed the committee that the Tribe needs to be careful with the wording of the FMP. The BIA has taken a stance that it only has a limited trust responsibility to our forests and if there is any further mismanagement from the BIA, the Tribe will not be able to take them to court.

When the BIA sends a Field Solicitor's opinion as notification of their stance, the party that receives this has a certain amount of time to respond to the opinion. If the party does not respond, then this opinion becomes policy. The Tribe might not have met the "window time" and the BIA might have a limited trust responsibility over our forests.

The Legislature sent the request to the legal department at the beginning of the year and nothing has been noted since. The committee would like a status report. (Motion attached)

Motion made by Myrna Warrington to request the Chairman to get a status report from the legal department to see if any further action has developed from the motion and report back to this committee next month. Second was by Barbara Caldwell. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 absent.

(M. Warrington left the meeting at 5 p.m. to attend another meeting)

6. MTE 3rd Party Forest Certification Review.

Chris Caldwell informed the committee that an independent auditor (Scientific Certification Systems) has been hired to assist MTE with obtaining third party certification. SCS surveys different areas of our forest and points are given in the areas of social, environmental and cultural concerns. Within the audit, it does not state how MTE will adhere to Ordinance 02-22.

(S. Waukau left the meeting at 5:10 p.m.)

The audit also has a section for Stakeholder Consultation. The language within this section suggests that the Tribe has been consulted. Dave Grignon stated that the auditor has never contacted Historic Preservation for any type of response. Mr. Caldwell will inform the auditor's to contact Mr. Grignon.

It was noted that a contractor offered to pay for the 3rd party certification in exchange for a certain volume of our forest. Bill Schmidt-MTE Marketing was the lead person in contracting with this company for the certification. It is not known if this transaction happened.

Mr. Caldwell will keep the committee updated on the progress.

7. Trust Resource's Director's Report – July, 2008 and August, 2008

Anthony Waupochick requested clarification on the charts that were provided within the report. Mr. Caldwell informed him that the charts are divided into individual BIA contract dollars and the supplements from his program.

8. Other Business

Anthony Waupochick wanted to know where the communications protocol stood between the MTE staff and our staff. Mr. Fish informed him that it went to the Legislature tabled and nothing happened there.

9. Adjournment.

Motion made by Jeremy Pyatskowit/Barbara Caldwell to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Linda Peters, recorder
Chairman's Office